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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND
SAFETY OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEDESTRIANS.

1 WHEREAS, there are over five hundred serious pedestrian-
2 related accidents annually in Hawaii with twenty to thirty
3 resulting in fatalities; and
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5 WHEREAS, blind and visually impaired individuals must take
6 additional precautions when crossing streets, particularly due
7 to their inability to see vehicles; and
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9 WHEREAS, blind and visually impaired individuals often rely
10 on their sense of hearing to determine when it is safe to cross
11 a street; and
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13 WHEREAS, electric and hybrid vehicles often make very
14 little noise when driving at low speeds and blind and visually
15 impaired individuals have complained that it is difficult to
16 determine if an electric or hybrid vehicle nearby prevents the
17 safe crossing of a street; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
21 that the Department of Transportation is urged to promote driver
22 awareness of blind and visually impaired pedestrians, including
23 placing awareness posters in public facilities, purchasing radio
24 and television advertisements, and installing street signs in
25 areas of high pedestrian use by blind and visually impaired
26 individuals; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation.
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